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COMMENTS ON ARTICLE BY LLOYD MALLAN,
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Summary

Despite several oversimplifications and errors in his assertions concerning Soviet aircraft, Mr. Mallan is more generally right than wrong. There has been a tendency to overestimate both the quantity and in some cases the quality of Soviet aircraft, due to a lack of information and the Soviet's ability to let us see only what they wanted us to see.

On the other hand, Mr. Mallan's statements relative to Soviet guided missiles and space vehicles, particularly his allegation that their LUNIK and missile threat do not exist, are completely erroneous.

Similarly fallacious are his statements to the effect that the Soviets are generally incapable in the broad field of electronics. We consider the Soviet Union as one of the leading nations in electronics, and know they have developed and produced all the various categories of military electronics equipment now available in the Western world including airborne, shipborne, and ground-based radars.